

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 1-10 and 12-20 remain in the application. Claims 11 and 21-29 have been canceled in this response. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested as they place the remaining claims in condition for allowance.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-10 and 12-20. Claims 11 and 21-29 have been canceled in this response to allow claims 1-10 and 12-20 to issue.

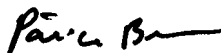
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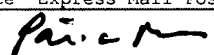
For at least the above reasons, it is believed that claims 1-10 and 12-20 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

Respectfully submitted,  
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